

FY2016/17 Preliminary Budget Workshop

November 12, 2015



Presentation Outline

- Budget Process Statutory Milestones
- DEP Budget Guidance
- Ad Valorem Revenue Estimates
- Reserves Considerations
- DEP FY16/17 Funding Request
- Workforce Discussion
- Strategic Plan Priorities

Budget Process Statutory Milestones

- By January 15, each water management district shall submit a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year for legislative review
- By March 1, Legislature may submit comments on preliminary budget to the districts
- Districts shall respond in writing by March 15
- Outcome of legislative review process (including any amendments to preliminary budget submission) becomes basis for tentative budget submission on August 1

Budget Process Statutory Milestones

- By July 1 Receive certification of taxable values from property appraisers
 - Complete required millage rate calculations
 - Return completed certifications to property appraisers by August 5
- August 1 Submit FY 16/17 Tentative Budget to Governor and Legislative Budget Commission (LBC)

Budget Process Statutory Milestones

- By September 5 Receive general Legislative comments
- September 8 FY16/17 Tentative Millage Rate and Budget Adoption Public Hearing
- September 13 Governor's Office/LBC budget disapprovals due
- September 20 FY16/17 Final Millage Rate and Budget Adoption Public Hearing
- September 30 Submit Adopted Budget to Governor and Legislature 10 days after adoption

DEP Budget Guidance

- Focus on core missions
- Hold ad valorem at current levels
- Implement efficiencies that reduce operational expenses, non-core costs and administrative overhead
- Direct funding to restoration and public works
- Continue implementation plans for beneficial use of reserves

5-Year Estimated Ad Valorem Revenue

	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21
Prior Year Ad Valorem	266.9	268.1	270.0	272.7	275.6
Value Adjustment Board	-2.6	-2.5	-2.4	-2.5	-2.5
New Construction	3.8	4.4	5.1	5.4	6.2
Ad Valorem Estimate	268.1	270.0	272.7	275.6	279.3
Annual Change (based on New					
Construction only)	1.2	1.9	2.7	2.9	3.7

⁻ Assumes existing homeowners pay same tax

⁻ Increase in revenue due to new construction value added to taxroll

District Reserves* 2015/16 Budget Resolution

Reserves with Restrictions	\$165.3
Hurricane/Emergency Reserve	\$60.0
Big Cypress Basin Fund Balance	\$11.0
Mitigation - Lakebelt/Wetland	\$51.8
Alligator Alley toll \$ for C-111 South Dade	\$8.4
Dispersed Water Management State \$	\$4.5
Health/Workers Comp Benefit Reserve	\$13.3
Kissimmee/Southern CREW ACQ Balance	\$4.2
State/Federal Lands Lease Revenue	\$8.5
L-31 East Flow Way	\$1.6
License Tag Funds/Florida Bay	\$1.8
Debt Proceeds Interest	\$0.2

District Reserves* 2015/16 Budget Resolution

Reserves without Restrictions	\$205.0	
Restoration Strategies	\$105.9	
Budget Stabilization	\$15.6	
Lakeside Ranch STA Ph.2	\$9.9	
Lake Hicpochee Hydrologic Enhancement	\$9.9	
Cooperative/Local Agreements	\$9.0	
O&M New Works Additional Costs	\$7.3	
Ten Mile Creek	\$7.2	
C-44 Reservoir/STA	\$5.0	
Performance Merit Bonus	\$4.7	
Kissimmee Land Acquisition/Construction Payments	\$4.0	
Central Florida Watershed Initiative	\$3.1	
O&M 2.0	\$2.8	
Tax Collector & Property Appraiser Fees	\$2.7	
ASR Start-up & Design	\$2.5	
Southern CREW	\$2.3	
C-43 West Storage Reservoir	\$2.2	

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\$2.0
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\$0.3

Reserves Considerations

- Maintain Hurricane/Emergency reserves to ensure emergency response resources
- Allocate reserves to current ready to go project needs, including operating costs, over the next several years
 - Restoration Strategies consent order driven projects
 - Currently ongoing restoration projects C44, C43, Lakeside, Picayune
 - Current Federal projects-Kissimmee, C-111 South Dade

FY2016/17 DEP Funding Requests

Everglades Restoration \$151M

- \$60M C-44 Reservoir and STA
- \$56M C-43 West Storage Reservoir
- \$32M Restoration Strategies
- \$3M CERP Planning, Design, Engineering

Land Acquisition \$27.7M

- Lake Hicpochee \$16.9M
- Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands \$5.8M
- Picayune Strand Restoration \$5M

FY2016/17 DEP Funding Requests

- BMAP \$19M
 - Lakeside Ranch STA Phase II \$11M
 - C-43 Water Quality Treatment & Demonstration \$8M
- Other \$8.9M
 - Dispersed Water Management \$5M
 - Land Management \$3.9M

Total DEP Funding Requests \$206.6M

Workforce Discussion

- FY15/16 1530 authorized FTE
- Currently 88 vacancies
- Recommendation:
 - Hold authorized FTE at 1450
 - Potential savings up to \$7M
 - Subject to continued evaluation

Next Steps

- Staff evaluation of project estimates and schedules
- Recommended project listing for December discussion
- Complete drafting preliminary FY16/17 budget, including FY15/16 re-budgeted items
- Present preliminary budget to Governing Board December 10th
- Finalize report and submit to Legislature on January 15th

Current Strategic Plan Priorities

- Refurbishing, replacing, improving and managing the regional water management system;
- Restoring the Northern and Southern Everglades;
- Meeting the current and future demands of water users and the environment; and
- Ensuring South Florida's taxpayers receive efficient and effective customer service.

Current Strategic Plan Priorities

- Future meeting:
 - Receive guidance from the Board on changes to priorities
 - Consider updates or changes to the implementation steps and metrics
 - Current metrics distributed in quarterly reporting
- Final Strategic Plan priority updates to be included in SFER due March 1, 2016

Discussion

Governing Board Discussion